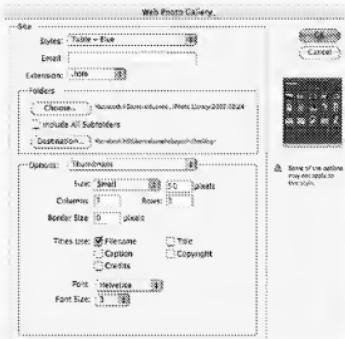


REMARKS

Claims remaining in the present patent application are Claims 16, 18-20, 22, 24-28, 30-37. Claims 16, 18-20, and 22 are amended herein. Applicant respectfully asserts that no new material is introduced as a result of the amendments herein. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the above captioned patent application in light of the remarks presented herein.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

At paragraph 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 24, 26-28, 31, and 36 as being anticipated by “Sams Teach Yourself Adobe Photoshop 7 in 24 Hours”. During the Examiner interview of March 7, 2007, Applicant’s representative demonstrated the “Web Photo Gallery” function of Adobe Photoshop 7 (see illustration below).



As illustrated, the selection of a style (e.g., “Table – Blue”) produces a thumbnail of a representative layout. This single thumbnail is associated with a selected style. Accordingly, as acknowledged by the Examiner Adobe Photoshop 7 does not anticipate Applicant’s claim 24, “wherein said selecting is based on a graphical user interface that enables user navigation of a hierarchical organization of a library of layout configurations based on a number of photos specified by a user for said photo album page, said user specified number of photos being used to generate a graphical listing of thumbnail images . . . ” The rejection of claim 24 as well as its dependent claims is therefore traversed.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

At paragraph 8 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 16 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,449,761 to Greidinger et al. ("Greidinger").

At paragraph 9 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 17-20 and 22 as being unpatentable over Greidinger in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,964,025 to Angiulo et al. ("Angiulo").

During the Examiner interview of March 7, 2007, the Examiner suggested modifications to claim 16 that she believed would place claim 16 in condition for allowance. While Applicant reserves the right to argue the merits of unamended claim 16, Applicant has amended claim 16 in accordance with the suggested modifications to move the present application to allowance. Thus, by the amendment above, claims 16, 18-20, and 22 are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

At paragraph 10 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 25, 30, 32-35, and 37 as being unpatentable over Adobe Photoshop 7 in view of Angiulo. As discussed above, this rejection is traversed based on the Examiner's acknowledgment of the merits of claim 24.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections, and that they be withdrawn. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative if an interview might be useful for any reason.

Respectfully submitted,

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